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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 20-47 as follows:

--20. A peripheral apparatus which is detachably connected to an information processing apparatus which reads out a program recorded on a recording medium for executing the program,